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On motion of Mr. Van Derlip, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

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TUESDAY, August 27, 1850.

Senate met—roll called—President *pro tem.* in the chair—  
Senators present :

Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Campbell, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward and Wallace—quorum present.

The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Ward asked leave to change his vote given on yesterday upon the amendment of Mr. Wallace, to strike out the clause in sec. 7, bill No. 1, from select joint committee, giving the command of the volunteers to the Governor, in person. Leave granted.

Mr. Moffett, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills ; reported a bill making an appropriation for the *per diem* pay and mileage of the members and officers of the Legislature at the extra session, convened August 12th, 1850, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Robertson introduced the following joint resolution :

A joint resolution on the subject of frontier protection and the President's message.

Mr. Portis moved to suspend the rule. Lost.

Mr. Davis introduced a bill to repeal an act to incorporate Rio Grande City, approved Jan. 10, 1850 ; read first time.

Mr. Latimer moved a suspension of the rule. Carried.

Bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through their Chief Clerk, Mr. Hampton, transmitting to the Senate the following bill, as having passed the House of Representatives, viz :

A bill supplementary to an act to perfect the land titles in Castro's colony, approved January 22, 1850.

Mr. Wallace moved that the petition of the citizens of the town and county of San Augustine, be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

The yeas and nays were called, and stood as follows :

Yeas : Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Campbell, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Parker, Phillips, Portis, Taylor and Wallace—11.

Nays : Messrs. Burleson, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Truit, Van Derlip and Ward—9.

Mr. Portis, chairman of the select committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's message in relation to the land titles west of the Nueces river, made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
August 26, 1850. }

Hon. E. BURLESON,

*President pro tempore of the Senate :*

The joint select committee, to whom was referred the Governor's message accompanying the report of the Commissioner, under an act entitled an act to investigate land titles in certain counties therein named ; and a majority of the committee having instructed me to report a bill relinquishing to the claimants the lands embraced in the claims recommended by the Commissioner, and authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue to the claimants a patent to the lands therein designated, upon the presentation of the field notes of the survey of the same.

The lands claimed, appear from the report and evidence to have been granted by the King of Spain to certain colonial inhabitants in New Spain, and they are at present claimed by the descendants or assignees, for a valuable consideration, of the original grantees. In addition to this, the evidence is clear and conclusive, that possession and occupation have continued in the applicants from the date of the grants to the present time. Considerations of great public advantage, in the opinion of the committee, demand the immediate action of the Legislature. Individuals and combinations of individuals have been active in circulating the most unfounded calumnies against the Legislature and the board of investigation, for the purpose of awakening the apprehensions of the citizens of that portion of the State, and arraying them in hostile attitude against us. The benevolent provisions of the bill under which the investigation has taken place ; the condition of that people so eminently entitling them to the bounties of our government—a just estimate of their meritorious claims, all calculated to diffuse among them such great blessings, imperiously demand our active interposition to protect them from the arts of mercenary and unprincipled demagogues. These considerations have induced the committee to instruct me to present the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage.

DAVID Y. PORTIS,  
*Chairman of Com. of Senate.*

A bill to confirm certain land titles therein named, and to require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents to the same; read first time.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to provide for organizing the militia of the State, and to suppress the insurrection existing in the counties of Worth and Santa Fe, or in any other section of the State; being the special order of the day; the question being on the adoption of the additional section, offered on yesterday by Mr. Truit, the question was taken and carried.

Mr. Latimer offered the following amendment:

#### *Substitute for Sec. 7.*

*Be it further enacted,* That in case the Government of the United States shall, between this and the first day of January, 1851, make a proposition to Texas for the purchase of any portion of the territory of this State, including the whole or any part of said counties of Santa Fe and Worth; then, and in that case, the Governor be, and he is hereby authorized and required to submit such proposition to the qualified electors of the State, for their acceptance or rejection; and in case of the acceptance by said electors of such proposition, the Governor shall convene the Legislature, for the purpose of confirming said sale by Legislative enactment; and in case of the rejection of such proposition by said electors, the Governor shall then proceed to muster into service the volunteers and troops authorized to be raised by this act, and cause them to march to said counties of Santa Fe and Worth, or any other section of the State, to suppress insurrection and rebellion that may exist in said counties, or other sections of the State; *provided*, that the mustering said troops into service, and their march, shall be delayed till after said first day of January, 1851, and as much longer as in the opinion of the Governor, circumstances may justify, consistently with the rights, duties and honor of the State.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Insert after the word "Worth," "or any other part of the disputed territory of the State of Texas."

The yeas and nays were called for.

On motion, the Senate adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

The question before the Senate being on the adoption of Mr. Wallace's amendment to the amendment offered by Mr. Latimer.

On motion of Mr. Wallace, the bill and amendment were laid on the table.

Mr. Latimer moved the resolution of Mr. McRae, instructing the committee on the Judiciary to draft a bill leaving to the vote of the people of Texas any proposition that may be made by the United States, be taken therefrom. Carried, and resolution adopted.

A bill to levy and collect a direct tax for special purposes.

On motion of Mr. McRae, laid on the table.

A bill to provide for assessing and collecting a direct tax for special purposes, &c.

On motion of Mr. Hart, laid on the table.

A bill to require the Comptroller of Public Accounts to pass to the credit of the school fund, was

On motion of Mr. Robertson, laid on the table.

Mr. Ward, one of the joint committee on the part of the Senate, on Enrolled Bills, reported as correctly enrolled, a bill making an appropriation for the outstanding liabilities of the mission of R. S. Neighbors, to organize the counties of Presidio, El Paso, Worth and Santa Fe, and that the same had been signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President *pro tem.* of the Senate, and was this day presented to the Governor for his examination.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the Senate adjourned till half-past 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, August 28, 1850.

Senate met—roll called—President *pro tem.* in the chair—the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Brashear, Cooke, Campbell, Davis, Gage, Grimes, Hart, Kinney, Latimer, McRae, Moffett, Parker, Phillips, Portis, Robertson, Taylor, Truit, Van Derlip, Ward and Wallace—quorum present.

The journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Van Derlip, one of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's message in re-